

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 5, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC
Tina Fletcher, LPN
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shilling moved, Barton seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, January 5, 2017 Barton declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Shilling moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI170291 – Close the case.

LPNI170157 – License by examination with a Letter of Concern (Criminal/Alcohol). Must submit final disposition within ten days of adjudication.

RNI161105 – Close the case.

RNI160381 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be hand served. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170174 – Refer to Investigations.

RNI170317 – Close the case.

LPNI160380 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Documentation).

LPNI160142 – Close the case.

RNI170083 – Close the case.

RNI170174 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI170386 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170328 – Close the case.

LPNI170162 – Reinstate with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol). Must provide written notification of criminal probation within 10 days of completion.

LPNI150147 – Close the case.

LPNI150153 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and nursing education courses in Diabetic Management, Administration of Insulin and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability.

RNI161056 – Request documentation from licensee's treating physician listing all medications and stating that licensee is safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety. If documentation is received then refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management) and courses in Substance Abuse Stipulations, Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Naltrexone statement (if needed). If documentation from treating physician indicates that the licensee is not safe to practice, refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI160089 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If no response by March 31, 2017, deny the renewal.

LPNI160317 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If no response by March 31, 2017, deny the renewal.

LPNI170135 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include two (2) years monitoring, quarterly reports (personal, employer), a fine of \$1000 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills and Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI150163 – Grant request to lift the narcotic and work restrictions.

RNI160938 – Table until resolution of criminal case.

RNI160920 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI170432 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If no response, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension.

RNI161195 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent agreement to include three (3) years monitoring, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy Substance Abuse Stipulations, and), and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI160277 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include two (2) years monitoring, quarterly reports (personal, employer, psychotherapy, drug screens through Affinity), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, Substance Abuse Stipulations, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

LPNI160070 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be hand served. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI160213 – Refer for a peer review.

RNI611055 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be hand served. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If no response, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. Deny the renewal.

RNI160579 – Table.

LPNI140065 – Reinstate with a public consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI160728 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be hand served. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 4:50 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**